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Avalanche nabs suspects, more

Special to the Frontline

KALSU, Iraq – United States Soldiers from Task Force Steel and Iraqi soldiers joined in a joint operation dubbed Algeria III in support of Operation Marne Avalanche Aug. 4 in the Chaka III region of North Babil, to secure the area from insurgent activity.

Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, attached to 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, and the 8th Iraqi Army Division moved from house-to-house searching for any presence of insurgent activity or violations of the rule of law set forth by

the Iraqi government.

“This operation was one of the biggest operations our company has done with Iraqi security forces,” said Capt. Jim Browning, commanders of A Co. “Everything on this mission was totally led by the Iraqi army. We were just there for support.”

This Iraqi-led operation yielded three detainees, one pair of night vision goggles, and five AK-47 assault rifles with ammunition.

“The operation was a complete success,” Browning said. “The Iraqi army soldiers have made vast improvements since we last conducted an operation with them and I am confident that they will only continue to get better.”

4th BCT Soldiers help local citizens

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

Stacey Peters was stranded on Interstate Highway 16; locked outside of her truck, and away from her father who had suffered a heart attack within the vehicle.

It was late at night, the only light came from oncoming cars’ headlights as they zoomed past her. Scared and desperate for help, she

frantically waved at the passing vehicles, hoping someone would help.

“It’s a dangerous highway and I almost didn’t want anyone to stop,” said Peters. “I was scared for my safety. You never know who’s going to pull over.”

Ten to 15 minutes later, what Peters later described as a “lifetime,” two young men in a pickup truck pulled over to her aid.



Spc. Olanrewaju Akinwunmi

Spc. Russell Bonlinger, Company B, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, provides rooftop security at a makeshift clinic in Arab Jabour in southern Baghdad during a medical aid mission July 23. See related stories From the Front, on Page 5A.

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Pat Young

Emergency responders, with the assistance of volunteers help raise a giant version of the United States Colors to commemorate 911, setting up for Freedom Walk 2006. This years event will be held Sept. 9. See story on Page 2A.

Siblings reup together

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT NCOIC

On July 29, two siblings decided to rededicate their commitment to the Army by reenlisting together at Forward Operating Base Kalsu.

Staff Sgts. Matthew Snyder, a combat engineer with the 38th Engineer company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and his older sister Darcy, a signal intelligence analyst with A co, 2/3 Brigade Troop Battalion, 2 BCT, 3rd ID, reenlisted for six and four years respectively.

This is not the first time the two have done something for the Army together. In 1999, both siblings, from Allenwood, PA, joined the Army two weeks apart.

"The recruiter came to talk with him first, then he came to me," Darcy said.

While they may not have joined at the same time, Darcy said she saw an opportunity to have them both reenlist together. She called me and said she was ready to reenlist and was wondering if I was going to as well, Matthew said. After reviewing his options and waiting a few weeks for his reenlistment window to open, Matthew decided to jump on board.

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EML discounts books available

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

As a way to applaud Soldiers’ service and sacrifice while they enjoy their extended rest and relaxation leave, Army Air Force and Exchange Services and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation are providing deals in the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area.

For those Soldiers who elect to spend their R&R in the Stewart-Hunter communities, an Environmental Morale Leave coupon book will be available to them. These EML coupon books, provided by AAFES and the Directorate of MWR have been offered to the Stewart-Hunter Soldiers since July 23.

It’s one way to show support to the Soldiers, said Amy Lambert, Family Readiness Group adviser for Fort Stewart.

“This could enable Soldiers and Families to enjoy recreation and commodities at a significant discount,” Lambert said.

In addition to recreational savings, Soldiers

and their Families can save at AAFES establishments such as the Post Exchange, post movie theatre, and shoppette.

So, how can Marne Soldiers and their Families get their hands on these savings?

The Soldier’s brigade combat team or battalion rear-detachment representative will have the coupon books. A Soldier must sign for the coupons, prior to receiving it.

These savings are also provided to Soldiers who have already taken their R & R.

“They are also retroactive,” said Lambert. “Meaning, Soldiers who have already had their leave can have their Families pick up their coupon book from their BCT.”

There is only one coupon book per Soldier and or Family. See coupon detail on Page 7B.

Editor’s note: Information for this article was provided by Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.



Local communities team up to fight crime, See Page 1B

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Youth Conference displays strength, See Page 1B



Marne 6 Sends Aviation takes the lead with Operation Husky

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Next week we start another large offensive operation using our aviation brigade. We've given them ground space in which to use their air weapons teams and scout weapons teams to go after the enemy in an area our ground forces cannot reach.

We're excited to be on the brink of such inventive maneuver in which we make our aviators our Division's main effort. Since our pilots and all the aviation support elements arrived in May, our Soldiers have been able to breathe a sigh of relief because they are protected from above. Combat logistics patrols and infantry Soldiers feel safer when they hear the hum of Apaches over head. We will attach an infantry company to the

aviation brigade to manage the fight on the ground; they will help us take out our time sensitive targets and go after our high value targets. If we see the success, an infantry company from our 4th Brigade Combat Team will assume that role permanently upon its deployment in November. We will keep the pressure on the enemy and afford them no sanctuary, and no place to hide.

Almost six months into our deployment, our headquarters is constantly admiring the hard work and success of your Dog Face Soldiers. They continuously rise to the occasion, putting their hearts and souls



on the line for their comrades in arms, and for freedom. Everyday they commit extraordinary acts of valor and you should be so very proud of them.

Most recently, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment from our 3rd Brigade Combat Team captured one of the Division's high value targets during a raid. It was the work of a professional private first class who conducted a final check of the room and found the insurgent hiding under a bed.

Everywhere across this battlefield, it is our young Soldiers who are conducting the acts

of heroism, and everyday they make me so proud to be Marne 6. In the last three weeks alone we've captured 12 of our 15 high value targets and seen the sectarian violence decrease. But we will not stop here and we will not let down our guard.

The summer season is still upon us so I also want to reiterate the need for motorcycle safety. Soldiers over here are making the ultimate sacrifice; we don't need to lose any Soldiers to preventable accidents. I expect all leaders to be involved in checking subordinates' motorcycles and ensuring Soldiers attend the motorcycle safety course before riding. I plan on riding my Harley when I am on leave, but I will do so in a safe manner, so as not to put myself or others in danger.

Rock of the Marne!

Support our Soldiers with the Freedom Walk

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

September 9, Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield will once again join the growing effort to honor the Soldiers, veterans, and first responders who gave their lives in service on 9/11 and every day since in the Global War on Terrorism.

More than 40 states participated nationally in 2006, as thousands of Soldiers, Family members and local community members joined the effort in increasing awareness of why it's important to remain vigilant and dedicated to memory of the first responders to the tragedy that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, and the heroes who have lost their lives after in the Global War on Terrorism.

Last year, as a testament to defend freedom, individuals and groups began their solemn trek on Stewart's Warrior's Walk, a grove of memorial Eastern Redbud trees, which as of July 19, honors 348 fallen heroes who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Joel Jacobs, who lost his leg in service with the 92nd Engineer Battalion in Iraq, came out to Warriors Walk to support the Freedom Walk on the occasion of the walk.

"I walk Warriors Walk every day," Jacobs said. "It gives you perspective of what you've done and what you're going to do. And, why you've done it. This represents the sacrifices of not just our Soldiers, but our police, fire and emergency responders. It represents the sacrifice that makes our country great. To see people come out and support the event allows us to keep doing what we're doing. It gives it meaning."

Freedom Walk participants came from a cross section of the community that included police officers, firemen, emergency service technicians, Soldiers, veterans, civilians and Family members.

The Freedom Walk, allows people to gather, and discuss the importance of the occasion.

"This event is special, it commemorates the sacrifices of the first responders to the September 11 tragedy, and the subsequent efforts of the military and community members to fight terrorism," said Hinesville Police Sgt. Gerald Morris. "I think after the event, we all came together. It's something that everyone has to be involved in. Not just the Soldiers and first responders, but the people, too. We all have to work together against terrorism."

"I was in my fifth-grade class," said Janay Reid, a daughter of a police officer, who was 10-years-old during the 9/11 attack. "We were watching the television when the second plane crashed into the building. Everyone was scared. The teacher started crying. Many of us did. I think this is a great opportunity for everyone to get together and remember what happened -- especially here on Fort Stewart. It shows how much everyone cares."

Hinesville Mayor, Thomas Ratcliffe said at last year's ceremony the same spirit of selfless service and sacrifice displayed by the emergency responders and civilians on that day, was alive at the Freedom Walk.

"I'm reminded that the Book teaches us that there is no greater love that any man may have - that he would choose to lay down his life for his neighbor, for his friend," Ratcliffe said. "I'm reminded that it is that same spirit that brings us here this evening. (The) walk helps us draw closer if just for a short time to allow us to reflect on the sacrifices on all who wear the uniform."

On Sept. 9, this year's event will again begin at Warrior's Walk as Stewart-Hunter team up with local communities in fellowships to memorialize the occasion.

More information about the national FreedomWalk visit online at www.americasupportyou.com/freedomwalk.



Pat Young

Thousands of Soldiers, Family members, and civilians from on-post and neighboring communities participate in the Freedom Walk held Sept. 10, 2006. This year, guests are encouraged to return in support of the fallen Soldiers, civilians and emergency responders who died, and for those who continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

A moment in Marne History: Sgt James Connor's gallantry



Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. On Aug. 15, 1944, Sgt. James P. Connor, 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, through sheer grit and determination.

Born in Wilmington, Del. Jan. 12, 1919, about twenty-five years later, the then Sgt. Connor would find himself immersed in war, and serving the United States Army during World War II. Taking care of his Soldiers, he performed acts of gallantry above the call of duty.

The citation said he led his platoon in clearing an enemy vastly superior in numbers and firepower from strongly entrenched positions on Cape Cavalaire, removing a grave enemy threat to his division during the amphibious landing in southern France, and thereby insured safe and uninterrupted landings for the huge volume of men and materiel which followed.

His battle patrol landed on "Red Beach" with the mission of destroying the strongly fortified enemy positions on Cape Cavalaire with utmost speed.

From the peninsula the enemy had commanding observation and seriously menaced the vast landing operations taking place.

Though knocked down and seriously wounded in the neck by a hanging mine which killed his platoon lieutenant, Connor refused medical aid and with his driving spirit practically carried the platoon across several thousand yards of mine-saturated beach through intense fire from mortars, 20mm. flak guns, machineguns, and snipers.

En route to the Cape he personally shot and killed two snipers.

But during the action, the platoon sergeant was killed and Connor became platoon leader.

Receiving a second wound, which lacerated his shoulder and back, he again refused evacuation, expressing determination to carry on until physi-

cally unable to continue.

He reassured and prodded the hesitating men of his decimated platoon forward through almost impregnable mortar concentrations.

Again emphasizing the prevalent urgency of their mission, he impelled his men toward a group of buildings honeycombed with enemy snipers and machineguns. Here he received his third grave wound, this time in the leg, felling him in his tracks.

Still resolved to carry on, he relinquished command only after his attempts proved that it was physically impossible to stand.

Nevertheless, from his prone position, he gave the orders and directed his men in assaulting the enemy. Infused with Connor's dogged determination, the platoon, though reduced to less than one-third of its original 36 men, outflanked and rushed the enemy with such furiousness that they killed seven, captured 40, seized three machineguns and considerable other materiel, and took all their assigned objectives, successfully completing their mission.

By his repeated examples of tenaciousness and indomitable spirit Connor transmitted his heroism to his men until they became a fighting team which could not be stopped.



Photos courtesy of the Fort Stewart Museum

Sgt. James. P. Connor died July 27, 1994.

Sgt. James P. Connor

Illustration

Working to stop terror: Dog identifies explosives

Spc. L.B. Edgar
7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGHDAD – Swiftly traversing the building’s exterior, Zasko thoroughly scanned each crack, crevice and corner. Drawn to a scent in the air near a clump of weeds, he paced back and forth, uncertain if the smell emanated from the weeds or if it was something else.

Zasko, a military working dog trained in the detection of explosives, had identified a stash of explosive powder hidden inside a propane tank tucked under the weeds inside an abandoned building used by insurgents to stage attacks against Coalition Forces.

“The HME (homemade explosive) was actually something he had never seen before, so we tried to familiarize him with it,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Holm, Zasko’s handler, on the discovery of the five-gallon tank filled with homemade explosives. “Once we familiarized him with it, we took him into the backyard. We came around the corner and he started pulling toward a large pile of weeds.”

Though Zasko, a Belgian Malinois, did not sit down in front of the weeds, which is how he signals a find, he was interested enough for Holm to notice.

“He started bracketing, which is where he goes side to side sniffing like he has an interest in something. He did not go to a final response, but he showed enough change that I had someone check it out,” Holm explained.

“Sure enough, that’s where the HME was,” said Holm.

Following the discovery, Zasko received the two things he wants most: Kong, a large rubber cylinder attached to a rope for bouts of tug-of-war, and the praise of his master, referred to as “dad” by the dog handling community, Holm said.

“He could care less about his toy some days. He just wants dad to pet and play with him. He’s a very affectionate dog,” said the 26-year old of his seven-year-old partner.

For Zasko the whole search is “a big game,” which ends with a toy and dad’s affection. Working dogs are conditioned on what to look for and when they find it, they are allowed to play with their toy and receive positive reinforcement from their handler. Constant training creates a routine for the canine’s behavior and builds a rapport between the dog and his handler, said Holm, who has been a military dog handler for five years.

Though Zasko is trained to detect 11 odors, including Nitroglycerin, P4, a type of C4, as well as standard mortars, ammunition, rocket-propelled grenades and various casings, he was never formally trained to recognize homemade explosives. So Holm was pleased when Zasko, a combat veteran with four deployments under his leash, made the find.

However, Holm puts nothing past his latest canine partner.

“He’s a very disciplined dog,” Holm said of his eighth canine comrade. “He’s one of the best dogs I’ve ever had.”



Photos by Spc. L.B. Edgar

Above: Zasko, a military working dog, stands ready for his handler, Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Holm, during a patrol of western Baghdad supporting C Company , 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Aug. 2. Zasko, a Belgian Malinois, is trained to protect personnel and upon command, subdue enemies.

Left: Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Holm, a military working dog handler, plays tug of war with Zasko, after his canine companion identified homemade explosive materials hidden outside an abandoned building during a patrol of western Baghdad.

Troops identify more explosives

Spc. L.B. Edgar
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BAGHDAD – The dilapidated, bombed-out structure ominously towered over the impromptu meeting of the patrol-wearied Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment.

Fatigue, the heat of Iraq in August and a 4:30 a.m. wake-up worked against the would-be searchers, but the foreboding building would not provide a convenient inventory of its contents.

It was up to them to pick it apart – again.

The acting platoon sergeant gave the word to execute: “Clear this one and then we’ll take a rest,” directed Staff Sgt. Christopher Hoerschelman.

A few minutes later Pfc. Shane Shivley, a squad automatic weapon gunner, picked up a seemingly harmless plastic bag full of shopping bags. He removed what seemed like refuse, uncovering more than Iraqi trash. He called out for assistance.

Shivley’s find was homemade-explosive powder, or “HME” as Shivley said, using its acronym. He put the bag of lethal white powder on the ground, backed away and stood guard over his potentially deadly discovery.

The Soldiers commenced leaving no stone unturned.

All told, the search netted a couple blasting caps, some plastic explosives, 15 pounds of HME in plastic bags and bottles as well as a five-gallon propane tank filled with the explosive powder.

In addition, the abandoned property yielded some timers and wire used to rig explosives, which Soldiers refer to as “death chord,” Hoerschelman said.

The homemade explosives should not have come as a surprise to the Soldiers. They made similar discoveries at the same address twice before.

The first time a patrol, acting on a tip from locals, turned up a laundry list of improvised explosive device-making materials: 25 pounds of C4, air defense artillery rounds, four 10-pound blocks of homemade explosive, 30 blasting caps

and an undetermined amount of death chord, all inside the building, Hoerschelman said.

Then, approximately two weeks later, the Soldiers uncovered 20 to 25 pounds of HME, prompting a detonation of the building to deter future use as an explosives cache site, Hoerschelman said.

Roughly three weeks later the Soldiers stopped by the now rubble-strewn, but still-standing structure to see if the third time was a charm, and if the insurgents had finally tired of using the site for explosive storage.

No such luck, Hoerschelman said.

According Capt. Daniel Cannon, C Company’s commander, the three finds by his Soldiers illustrate a trend in western Khadra, a primarily Sunni neighborhood in the Mansour Security District.

“Every abandoned house is a possible cache for us,” Cannon said, estimating his Soldiers find at least a small cache in one out of every five abandoned buildings in Khadra.

Made from household chemicals and fertilizer, homemade explosive is the most common find in Khadra, Cannon said.

So far, Hoerschelman estimated his platoon, alone, is responsible for finding 10 caches, all in abandoned buildings. The most dramatic was 250 to 300 pounds of HME, likely a manufacture site. Seven 100-pound bags of nitrogen-containing fertilizer, solvents to breakdown the fertilizer, HME drying on the roof, death chord, timers, a rocket-propelled grenade, some small-arms ammunition and motion sensors used to trigger explosions were also found; all of which pointed to a production site.

The desperate, but resourceful insurgents basically use anything they can get their hands on. The crackdown in Iraq’s



Spc. L.B. Edgar

Pfc. Jason Johnson, a rifleman C Co., 1/64 Armor, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., searches the rubble of an abandoned building in western Baghdad Aug. 2.

capital has made homemade explosive an attractive weapon, Hoerschelman explained.

“They just make the explosives themselves and use the same initiation devices,” Cannon said.

The problem is less the HME, itself, which is concocted from household items and nitrogen-containing fertilizer, and more the abandoned houses, which provide sanctuary for insurgents and their HME stockpiles.

In order to combat the insurgents’ use of empty homes and abandoned homesteads, Cannon and his Soldiers are targeting buildings to regularly search. As a long-term solution, Cannon hopes Khadra’s population stabilizes.

“The local nationals do a very good job of giving us information about suspicious activity,” Cannon said.

“Legitimate families inside of houses mean protection for not only the neighborhood, but for us.”

GC responds to community gang concerns

Col. Todd Buchs
Stewart-Hunter Garrison Commander

The issue of gangs and gang activity on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield has recently risen as a topic of concern throughout our military community. From all the indicators at my disposal, the installation does not have a gang problem. News headlines and law enforcement statistics indicate gang violence has increased dramatically in the United States since 1988. This problem is not isolated to large cities. Many small towns and rural areas are experiencing gang problems for the first time. Consequently, in an effort to ensure a safe and secure environment for our community members, I have stood-up

a Gang Awareness Task Force. This Task Force will be responsible for conducting an information campaign designed to educate the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield military community on the specifics of gang activity and identification. This will not only be done within our military units, but also with Family Readiness Groups and as part of our youth programs. It is my intent to conduct the widest possible awareness and education campaign resulting in a proac-



tive community that's aware, educated, and prepared to address gang activity. There are many factors that may lead to the mistaken conclusion that a gang problem currently exists. One such factor is the small groups of adolescents that are commonly seen "hanging" together. The visibility of these groups in on-post establishments or on the street corners and playground areas, coupled with delinquent behavior, may suggest gang activity. Another factor that might suggest a gang problem is the wearing of clothing styles or colors commonly worn by

gang members. This has become faddish in the youth culture. Even if local youths are displaying gang symbols such as colors of big city gangs, this alone does not necessarily signify traditional gang affiliation. Let me be clear. There are no indicators that there is a gang problem on Stewart-Hunter. The command will not tolerate such activities. We started sending out that message in last week's Frontline and will continue to build on that theme. We will be initiating our awareness campaign within the next week. The command hears your concerns and we intend to ensure you remain safe and secure while living on, working at or visiting Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Back to school safety, travel by school bus

Special to the Frontline

Tips for parents

As parents, you are an important part of a total safety program for children who travel by school bus. Children need to learn to be safe pedestrians as they walk to and from the bus as well as be safe riders when they are on the bus. Here is how you can help:

Preparation

Have your children put school materials in a backpack/schoolbag so they won't drop things. Have them wear bright, contrasting colors so drivers will more easily see them. Leave home on time, walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due. Running can be dangerous.

Walking to the bus stop

Go to the bus stop with a young child and have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers because groups are easier for drivers to see. Don't let pre-school children or pets go with your child to the bus stop.

Practice good pedestrian behavior, walk on the sidewalk and if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk in single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can. Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at driveways and alleys.

Waiting at the bus stop

Don't let your child play running games or push and shove at the bus stop. It is too dangerous near traffic. Make sure your child stands at least 10 feet from the road while waiting for the bus. The child will then be out of the way of traffic. Have children prac-

tice taking five giant steps.

Getting on and off the bus

Make children stay at least 10 feet away from the bus until they begin to enter. Children will then be able to see the driver and the driver can see them. If children must cross the street to the bus they should cross the street 10 feet (five giant steps) in front of the bus where they can see the driver and the driver can see them.

Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings and other objects that may get caught in the handrail or door of the bus as they are exiting. Warn children that, if they drop something, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions. If they bend over to pick up a dropped object, they might not be seen by the driver and could be hurt if the driver pulls away from the stop.

Give your child a note or follow your school's procedures if you would like for the child to get off at a stop other than the one they are assigned. The driver isn't allowed to let a child off at another stop without permission.

Be Careful

If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited at seeing you after school that they may dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Riding the bus

Remind your children to be good bus riders. They should talk quietly. Be courteous to the driver and follow the driver's directions. Keep the aisles clear. Stay seated for the entire bus ride.



Marne Voices Speak Out

What was your favorite subject in school and why?

"My economics class at the University of Calif. because Mr. Shapiro was an outstanding instructor."

Terry McKeny
AAFES Employee



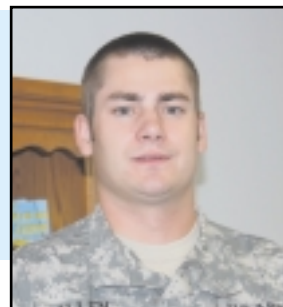
"Coach Smith's 11th grade physical ed. class at Benedictine High School because it was the only class I got an 'A' in."

1st Lt. Carl Sundin
6/8 Cav.



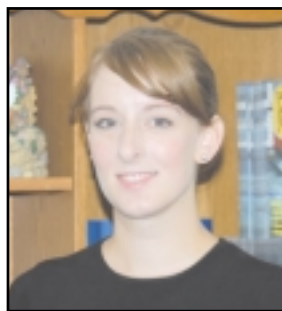
"My 10th grade metal shop class at Grantspass High School because it was relaxing and fun."

Spc Jeremiah Allen
5/7 Cav.



"My science fiction class I took at Mariner High School because we read and saw a lot of great books and movies."

Sara Ellis
Civilian Contractor



"The abnormal psychology class I took at Georgia Southern University as it helps you learn about yourself and your friends."

Amanda Rygiel
Family member



"My math class at the University of Texas. I needed it for my degree and it has helped me throughout my career."

Raul DeLeon
AAFES Employee



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Out on patrol



Air Force Staff Sgt. Shawn Weismiller

A Soldier from B Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, pulls security as his unit patrols north of Salman Pak, Iraq, July 22.

3rd HBCT detains wanted insurgent

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers of the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment conducted a raid Aug. 6, in northeast Nahrawan, resulting in the discovery of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's most wanted insurgent.

According to Capt. Matthew Carman, battle captain for the 3rd HBCT, the insurgent was found hiding under a bed in a house adjacent to his own by Pfc. Doug Jones of the brigade's Time Sensitive Target team.

After 3rd HBCT intelligence received information on the insurgent's location, the TST team and B Troop, 3/1 Cav. moved to the target site on foot.

"The whole idea was to move covertly to the house so nobody would take off running," Carman said. "They walked a significant distance to the house. Then they brought in the trucks."

Jones said he was clearing the house of people before bringing in bomb searching dogs to the building. He searched a room that had already been searched once. While

clearing closets, Jones said he saw one of the beds move.

"He must have been shivering a little because I saw the bed just barely move," he said. "I thought it may have been a kid hiding because he was scared."

Jones said he flipped the bed and still didn't see anything because the insurgent was hiding between a bed and a wall. Jones saw the insurgent's arm when he put the bed back down.

"I was smiling and I guess that made him smile because he smiled back up at me," Jones explained. "I told him to stand up and then get on his knees. He smiled really big then, like he was happier about this than I was."

Soldiers searched the entire house and found a video depicting insurgents preparing rockets to be launched against the 3rd HBCT's main operating base. Video footage shows men setting up 49 rockets.

The video also shows the set-up and execution of an Aug. 5 rocket attack against FOB Hammer.

The unit detained 9 individuals found inside the house, including the most wanted individual.



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Watch the 3rd Infantry Division's 30-minute newscast "Freedom Report" on the Pentagon Channel, Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. EST and Sundays at 11:30 p.m. EST.
View news from the front and local at www.stewart.army.mil



Behind the scenes

2 BCT's S1 helps deployed troops square away records

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Army beauty is only ACU deep. And while a 'sharp' uniform appearance might go far in how a Soldier is judged, a real Soldier's quality is found in his records.

However, many Soldiers forget about their records, letting them collect dust in the purgatory of some office or electronic database.

Then when they finally need them, they find that many things are wrong or outdated.

Although it is an individual's responsibility to monitor their records, the Soldiers in the Brigade S1 (personnel office) work to help correct deficiencies Soldiers may find in their records.

Master Sgt. Michael Flournoy, 2nd Brigade Combat Team S1 non-commissioned officer in charge, said the S1 can help all aspects of a Soldier's military record like financial information, personal information and awards.

The S1 helps Soldiers square away their

records, such as officer and NCO evaluation reports, enlisted and officer record briefs, awards and leave, said Warrant Officer Charmaine Hilliard, 2nd Brigade Combat Team S1 Technician.

An incorrect record can hurt a Soldier's chance of being recommended for selection for promotion, said Staff Sgt. Keith Kimmons, assistant NCOIC.

"When they (Soldiers) go to senior promotion selection boards, in every case the NCOER and OER plays a critical role in whether or not a Soldier is selected for the next grade."

Seeing a well-deserved Soldier get promoted, and knowing that he or his Soldiers may have had a hand in it, is one of the most rewarding aspects of his career, said Flournoy, who has been working in administrative positions for 20 years.

Kimmons shared similar sentiments.

He recalls an sergeant first class who was recommended for promotion to master sergeant.

"He came back and thanked us for our work. He attributed his success to what we

did."

Despite the praise, Kimmons, who has been working for more than 13 years in administrative duties, said he and his Soldiers were just doing their job.

Though modest in their accomplishments, the S1's role is grand. The S1 shop handles all personnel business for the approximately 3,500 Soldiers within the brigade.

Handling this job is a crew of 13 Soldiers comprised of various military occupation specialties: human-resource specialists, who organize records and process recommendations; administrative specialists, who maintain files and schedule leave; and finance management technicians, who record details of financial transactions.

Each of these Soldiers adds a bit of their knowledge to the group to help maintain a smooth administrative process.

Not only does this take care of the individual Soldier, but also their family members, Hilliard said.

The S1 also takes care of Family members by giving them peace of mind by help-

ing facilitate the lines of communication from back home.

Everyday the S1 goes to the post office to pickup mail for the brigade, ensuring Soldiers receive packages and letters from home.

The S1 also transports Red Cross messages from home to the Soldier, Kimmons said. No matter the medium, the S1 relays all messages in a timely manner.

The S1 also ensures that each member of the brigade gets their 18 days of assigned rest and relaxation leave.

Soldiers attempting to obtain emergency leave when Family issues arise can find a helping, guiding hand in the S1, Kimmons said.

It is such customer service that brings smiles to not only the Family knowing their communication is being delivered, but also to the Soldier who knows he will be able to hear from his Family.

"We really enjoy taking care of Soldiers," Flournoy said.

"We enjoy what we do and give it 110 percent."

Apache crews take Hellfires to the field

Nondice Powell
Hunter Army Airfield

Every Soldier trains with their assigned weapon. Some carry something small like a 9mm pistol while others use something much larger. Apache helicopters often carry HELLFIRE, or Helicopter Launched, Fire and Forget, Missiles. The Tigershark Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment headed to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. to train with the radar frequency HELLFIRE missiles July 15-19 while other members of the battalion took over much of the training area at Fort Stewart July 28-29 to train with semi-active laser HELLFIRE missiles.

"The main intent of the mission is to get familiarized with shooting HELLFIRES and build confidence within the aircrews," said Capt. William Harvey, 3rd Bn., 3rd Avn. Reg. operations officer. "We shoot a ton of them in the simulators and they're easy. If you mess up a shot, that's fine. You can just reset the simulator and shoot another one. However, when we get out in to combat we want to be sure that the missile is impacting where it's supposed to."

It takes the unit and garrison staff a large deal of coordination in order to fire the approximately one hundred pound missiles. The HELLFIRES, used mainly on armored targets such as tanks, have a maximum effective range of 5 miles, or 8 kilometers. In comparison, the maximum range for a point target for the M-16A2 and M-4 rifles is approximately half a kilometer. With a large effective range, a large portion of the training area at Stewart must be shutdown.

"A lot of roads need to be shutdown in order to deconflict the surface danger zone in order to safely fire the HELLFIRE missile," said Harvey.

The Tigersharks of B Company and supporting personnel took part in the mission at Eglin for a RF HELLFIRE missile shoot and test.

"[The training gave] the pilots the opportunity to fire live ammunition at a variety of targets," said Capt. Jeremy Duff, B Co., 3/3 Avn. "The test allowed the weapon's users to interact directly with the missile and radar experts and [technicians]. This interaction is vital to ensure the weapons, platforms and user interface are operating properly."

Duff explained the mission allowed the pilots and other Soldiers to work away from their own hangar and with limited resources.

"They learned from the interaction between the missile and radar technicians and Air Force personnel hosting the mission," said Duff. "Being able to display their aircraft and professionalism to others gave the Soldiers a sense of pride."

There are many Soldiers who work behind the scenes, helping the pilots; crew chiefs, armament, refuelers and many more. Many of the Soldiers of E Co., 3/3 Avn. Bn. were in the field at Stewart providing support to the mission. The training provided valuable experience for the Soldiers and pilots.

"We're a [distribution] platoon," said Sgt. Joseph Scott, E Co., 3/3. "We provide fuel and (ammunition) support for the Apache helicopter. We're training up some new personnel on our (Forward Area Arming and Refueling Point) operations. We have them in a crawl phase of what we do across the water, getting the comfortable with the equipment and being next to the helicopter with it running."

Scott explained the training helps the Soldiers better understand their jobs and learn what to do during a deployment.



Nondice Powell

Two Soldiers from 3/3 Avn.'s armament platoon carry a SAL HELLFIRE missile to load onto the Apache helicopter.

"They can really take the time to learn the ins and outs and the dos and don'ts of their jobs and different things they will be doing later on, especially in Iraq or Afghanistan," said Scott. "They'll have a better understanding of it when it comes to crunch time. We can trust their decision making skills and the quality of their work."

117th earns Outstanding Air Control Unit Award

Lt Col Byron King
117 Air Control Squadron

Lieutenant General Craig R. KcKinley, the director of the Air National Guard, announced July 26, the 117th Air Control Squadron, garrisoned at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, is the recipient of the National Guard Association of the United States Outstanding Air Control Unit Award for 2007.

This prestigious award is bestowed

annually on the air control unit judged to be the best nationwide among 10 Air National Guard air control units.

The 117th deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq for more than four months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the unit provided all surveillance, identification, and air-battle management within the 270,000 square miles of Iraqi airspace by deploying more than 100 personnel to serve as the Joint Forces Air Component Commander's Control and Reporting

Center for Operation Iraqi Freedom - the first Air National Guard unit to perform the fast-paced and complex mission.

Air Battle Managers controlled more than 20,400 missions - all the aircraft in the world's busiest and most congested airspace, often with as many as 60 aircraft under the direction of only one ABM.

117th ABMs directed the close air support response to more than 350 troops in contact situations, where Soldiers and Marines were under enemy fire. They

performed over 3,600 air refueling missions and managed the effective offload of over one-million pounds of fuel per day.

Only five months after retuning to Savannah, the 117th hosted five active duty Air Force inspectors from Headquarters, 8th Air Force, based out of Barksdale Air Force Base, La. They hosted the 8th for a standardization and evaluation inspection, garnering praises for three "superior performers" and an overall "excellent" rating.

Motorcycle safety classes bring back fun in riding

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I used to be deathly afraid of two things – horses and motorcycles. My first experience riding a motorcycle is not one that can be easily forgotten. A friend of the Family purchased a new bike the summer I turned ten and offered to ride my siblings and me up and down the lane. Wearing jean shorts, a t-shirt and tennis shoes, my anticipation for the ride was great. Once my turn was over, I proceeded to get off of the bike, and that's when it happened. I burned my leg on the tail pipe, which led to what I thought would be a lifetime fear of riding motorcycles.

Incorporating safety first is an imperative consideration for Soldiers. Soldiers who vie to be bike riders can put safety first by getting lessons in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider's class, which is taught on both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. More than 435 students have successfully passed the course.

The rider coach, Joe Alderman, a contractor with Cape Fox Professional Services,

pointed out that even the more experienced riders could use this class because they may have spent a lifetime practicing bad riding habits.

Fast-forward and I find myself yet again on the back of a motorcycle, only this time I am in charge. The course offers a basic and experienced motorcycle safety class, which is open to Soldiers, spouses, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. I enrolled in the basic course. The two-day class teaches novices to the more experienced riders the mechanics of a motorcycle and how to operate the bike safely in and out of traffic.

The first day we broke off into teams and we worked together throughout the day. I found our team name to be ironic, Team Ironhorse. Much of what we learned incor-

porated risk assessment, which taught everything from types of motorcycles, protective gear, to mental processing. My 23 other classmates, most who had experience of some kind, told stories of being hit in the throat by a bat, steel implants in feet after a fall, and bugs in the face. By the end of the first day I had serious thoughts of giving up. But curiosity got the best of me. I took the written test and passed with a score of 100 percent.

The next day we showed up donned in over-the-ankle boots, long pants, long sleeve shirts, leather gloves, and our Department of Transportation approved helmets, ready to ride. After spending the first half of the day getting to know our bikes, it was time to ride. The class has six bikes on site for use to those interested in taking the class.

After stalling the engine a few times, I was

finally able to put my bike in first gear and take my first ride alone across the training range. I could feel my face crack into the biggest grin as I approached my rider coach. Immediately I thought of the bug stories of the day before, so I immediately closed my mouth and focused on my stopping point.

During the day we learned maneuvers such as stopping and swerving. I learned an important lesson - you go where your eyes look.

Throughout the unbearably hot, grueling ten-hour day in the sun, sometimes pushing, but mostly riding a Suzuki 250 across the asphalt, I conquered my fear. In my possession is my MSF card, which certifies me to ride onto the installation. My next stop will be our local Department of Motor Vehicles.

I encourage all remotely interested in riding, to take this class or a similar class before investing in a motorcycle.

Watch out for me, and my fellow motorcyclists on the roadways and highways. I will be the one on the white bike in eternal second gear.



Stewart-Hunter makes a difference by recycling

Special to the Frontline

“On the move” might best describe the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Recycling program. The Stewart-Hunter recycling program is moving at full speed to ensure the installation meets or exceeds the federal mandate of 40 percent waste diversion.

Incorporating growth activities into the recycling program will pay big dividends towards achieving self-sustainability and meeting regulatory guidelines. The current success of the qualified recycling program can be attributed to proactive efforts on the installation to capture every possible part of the waste stream for reuse or recycling.

To be the best, there has to be constant improvements and effective motivation. Program success is driven by the support of everyone. Have you done your part today?

What is my part, you ask? Building an effective recycling program requires each of us to get involved. The installation command recycling policy memorandum directs full participation by all military units, civilian employees, tenant organizations and activities, contractors and anyone living or working at Stewart-Hunter.

The requirement to recycle is not limited to materials

generated on the installation. Persons living off-post, to include civilians and contractors, are encouraged and humbly solicited to separate recyclables from their waste at home.

On your way to work or shopping, drop the recyclables, not trash, into one of the blue recycling dumpsters.

For the convenience of all our patrons, a 24-hour recycling convenience center, with separate collection bins for recyclables, is located on Stewart and Hunter.

What happens to those cans, boxes, bottles, and papers once you put them into a blue recycling dumpster? These products are picked up by recycling collection trucks which transports the items to the Stewart processing station. The products are separated on a tipping pad. Cardboard, unauthorized items and trash are removed from the collected materials. The product is scooped onto a conveyor and moved to a sorting line. Laborers hand-sort through and remove the paper, glass, plastics, and cans and drop them through individual slots into collection bins. Printer cartridges, scrap metal, aerosol cans, other recyclables are separated before the remaining trash is collected in a bin at the end of the conveyor.

When the collection bins are filled, the separated items

are emptied into larger collection bins to be baled. The paper and glass are placed in containers and sold without additional processing. The intent is to ensure the highest quality product is being introduced back into the market.

Keeping trash out of recycling dumpsters is a must to meet this intent. It's also a must to help keep pests down at the point of origin. It's also a must for the safety and protection of our workforce that manually sort these recyclables. Can you imagine sifting through dirty disposable diapers? Entire loads of recyclables have been turned away due to the associated health implications.

Become an advocate for recycling, purchase commodities manufactured from recycled materials. The installation is making positive strides as good environmental stewards. With the support of the entire community the environment will sustain itself well into the future. The news articles, handouts and assessments only reach a small portion of the population. Talk to your neighbors, Family, and co-workers about recycling. Contact the Waste Management Section at 767-2010 with ideas to improve recycling or request assistance. Making the qualified recycling program an effective self-sufficient operation is our goal and we are available to support the community.

Army education center partner offers unique class opportunities

Special to the Frontline

Savannah Technical College is offering a special cohort of classes to help students complete selected certificate programs quickly. The certificate programs, which can be completed in as little as three to four quarters, include: Web site Technician Certificate, Child Care Manager Certificate, and Medical Transcription Certificate.

“This new course offering is perfect for spouses who want to ‘Educate While They Wait’,” said Terrie Oliver, director of instruction for the Liberty campus. “With the length of current deployments, this is an opportunity for Family members to complete a program and be well on their way to a career by the time their Soldier returns home.”

Savannah Technical College selected the certificate programs based on a Family member needs assessment that was completed by military spouses and Family members during Family Readiness Group meetings. The survey consisted of eight questions addressing their military and education status; as well as five questions listing potential post-secondary diploma or certificate programs eligible for the HOPE grant.

The programs selected for the cohort were those that the respondents’ results

indicated they had an interest in completing.

The classes offered for the collaboration are scheduled to begin in the upcoming fall quarter.

Students interested in beginning any of the below listed programs should follow standard admissions procedures for Savannah Technical College which include completing an application for admission and standardized testing. For information on admissions or the programs, contact the Paul R. Smith Army Education Center office of STC at 408-2430 or the Liberty campus at 408-3024. Information is also available at the college Web site: www.savannahtech.edu.

All of the certificate programs selected for the cohort can be paid for using the HOPE Grant. They include:

Website Technician Certificate

Only seven courses! (SCT 100, CIS 106, 2191, 2201, 2211, 2221, and 2231)

Child Care Manager Certificate

Only five courses! (EMP 100, ECE 101, 105, 202, and 217)

Medical Transcription Certificate

Only eight courses! (ENG 101, AHS 109, SCT 100, EMP 100, BUS 101, MBS 100, BUS 102, MTS 100)

Surviving the first 100 days in Iraq

Special to the Frontline

The Center for Army Lessons Learned at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas has just released "The First 100 Days" leader's handbook. The first 100 days are critical to the survival of Soldiers.

In this brief initial period, Soldiers and units adjust to the tactical environment, the enemy, and each other. “There's no doubt that the early part of the deployment is the most dangerous, when people are understanding their environment,” said Col. Steven Mains, director of CALL.

The second in a series of three handbooks is available to servicemembers,

army civilians, and validated contractors on the CALL Web site at <http://call.army.mil>.

The basis for the material in the handbook came from what Soldiers considered important in training, skills, and knowledge for those first 100 days. The handbook is sized to fit in the ACU cargo pocket and provides hard-won information that will help leaders prepare for combat. Over 1,700 Soldiers and company-level leaders with experience on the battlefield responded to questions about leadership, good and bad, and said they felt their chances of survivability were greater if leaders displayed tactical

competency, confidence, decisiveness, and the will to prosecute a fight, but in a way that doesn't put Soldiers at unnecessary risk.

CALL, established by the Army in 1985, has the mission to collect, analyze, disseminate, integrate, and archive the Army's lessons learned. CALL has analysts in the TRADOC schools and centers, the combat training centers, and operational units in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and the United States.

Their purpose is to enhance rapid information sharing and facilitate the integration of best practices and issue resolution across the Army.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Tumbling Classes

Every Tuesday @ CDC, Bldg. 403
9 to 9:45am. Tumbling for children registered at CDC, Bldg. 403.
Open to ages 2-up.

Every Wednesday @ Jordan Gym
9:30 to 10:15am: "Mommy & Me Tumbling" for ages 12 mos. - 2 yrs.
10:30 to 11:15am: Tumbling class for ages 2-4 yrs.
Sports Physicists are required for all participants.
Register by calling 767-6071.

Dance Classes

Every Friday @ School Age Services, HAAF
5 to 6pm: Creative Movement for 3-5 year olds.
6 to 7pm: Ballet/Tap/Jazz for 6-9 year olds.
7 to 8pm: Ballet/Tap/Jazz for 10-18 year olds.
Interested participants should sign up at Central Registration
Bldg. 1286 767-6071.

Drawing & Illustration Workshop

15 Aug. 5 to 7pm, FS Youth Center
Workshop will be led by a locally acclaimed artist! Participants are required to bring pencils and erasers. Workshop is open to all Soldiers, spouses & Family members, 10 years of age and older. Participation is Free. Registration deadline is 13 August. 767-4491/4493

Home School Monthly Meeting

17 Aug. 11am, FS Youth Center
Meet other home schooling Families to learn and share information & experiences! Participants can enjoy a hot lunch at 12pm. Home School Academy held every Friday at 9:30am. 767-4491/6533

Teen Relationships & Debate/ Study Skills Class

21 Aug. 4:30 to 6pm, FS Youth Center
Teens will gather to discuss and debate contemporary and controversial topics (such as sexual harassment) to encourage positive relationships. A study skills class will follow the debate (6:30 to 8pm) to assist teens with their school work. 767-4491

Town Hall Meeting @ FS & HAAF

21 Aug. 5:30pm, Club Stewart, Hunter Club
On post Families may bring up a series of concerns for review by a panel to improve the quality of life on FS. Attend in person or watch live on Mame TV & call in your questions/comments to 767-ROCK.
For info call 767-1257

Newcomer's Expo & Community Information Fair @ HAAF

23 Aug. 4 to 7pm, ACS Ballroom
This "One Stop Shopping" event is ideal for Soldiers and new Families to learn more about MWR programs, local & private school systems, non-profit support civic organizations, and on & off post service oriented businesses/civic organizations. Sponsored by ACS & Hunter Sponsors Club. 315-2694/6816.

3rd BSTB promote, award Soldiers

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – As the sun set over FOB Hammer, Brigade Special Troop Battalion Soldiers stood in formation Aug. 2; some to receive awards, some to be promoted, and others to support their fellow comrades. According to Lt. Col. Todd Ratliff, BSTB commander, the battalion provides essential intelligence for daily combat operations and communications for tactical and strategic operations. The unit also participates in daily combat patrols for key leader engagements and disrupting enemy improvised explosive device operations. Soldiers of the BSTB also man FOB Hammer’s detention

facility. “The Soldiers of the battalion are doing exceptional maintaining operations and equipment in this harsh desert environment where the daily average temperature exceeds 115 degrees (Fahrenheit.)” Ratliff said. “Most Americans can not understand this, and that is why I am so proud of these exceptional Soldiers. I am proud of their efforts and accomplishments.” During the ceremony, six Soldiers were promoted to the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant, seven Soldiers received Combat Action Badges for actively participating in combat operations, and 10 Soldiers were awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal for outstanding service to their unit, the Army and the nation.



Lt. Col. Todd Ratliff, 3rd BSTB commander awards Pfc. Ladell Pollard, Headquarters Company, BSTB, with the Army Achievement Medal, Aug. 2 at FOB Hammer, Iraq.

3rd BSTB Honorees

Promotion from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant
Sgt. James Gately, Headquarters Troop
Sgt. Luke Lewis, Headquarters Company
Sgt. Mary Mueller, A Company
Sgt. James Tucker, A Company

Promotion from Specialist to Sergeant
Spc. Daniel Boeken, A Company
Spc. Erica Mears, B Company

Combat Action Badge
1st Lt. Darren Moe, Headquarters Company
Sgt. Sean Gilloon, Headquarters Company
Spc. Matthew Bedortha, Headquarters Company
Spc. Victor Desoto, Headquarters Company
Spc. Joseph Robinson, Headquarters Company
Pfc. Todd Boetticher, A Company
Pfc. Michael Culbertson, Headquarters Company
Pfc. David Dimurorodriquez, Headquarters Company
Pfc. Jonathan Mummert, Headquarters Troop

Army Commendation Medal
Sgt. Kenneth Hay, A Company
Sgt. Russell Dutton, Headquarters Troop
Pfc. Michael Schatz, Headquarters Company

Army Achievement Medal
Staff Sgt. Wayne Felkins, Jr., Headquarters Troop
Staff Sgt. Derrick Mears, Headquarters Troop
Staff Sgt. Demetria Streeter, B Company
Sgt. Gregory Bowling, Headquarters Troop
Spc. Cynthia Clabaugh, A Company
Pfc. Cristen Micu, A Company
Pfc. Ladell B. Pollard, Headquarters Compay

Soldiers celebrate coffee shop on FOB



Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – The smell of roasted coffee beans filled the air as the first cup of Green Beans coffee was served to a 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldier Aug. 6. For the morning, coffee lovers from across the FOB rejoiced in air-conditioned splendor as fresh-brewed, hot coffee was made available from somewhere other than the dining facility or a dusty coffee pot on a command post. Customers enjoyed their coffee after a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the event. “You all know the way the FOB was like back in April,” said Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, 3rd HBCT commander. “One building with only three walls. Now, it’s incredible what we’ve done for the Soldiers of this brigade.” The ‘Hammer Beans’ Green Beans coffee shop is open for business 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., 3rd HBCT commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Huell; Kevin Ballard, an Electrical Foreman for Kellogg, Brown and Root; Lt. Col. Kelly Lawler, the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion commander; and 1st Lt. John Enfinger, the FOB Hammer Mayor, cut the ribbon Aug. 6, as Soldiers, Airmen and employees of the coffee shop looked on.

2nd BCT troops ‘live it up’ at FOB Kalsu

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU – Home is where the heart is. While Soldiers’ loved ones might be back in the States awaiting their return, it hasn’t stopped Soldiers from pouring their hearts into their temporary homes here. Although Soldiering may be their primary job, many are replacing their helmets with hard hats and becoming temporary construction workers to add on to their living quarters. Like Bob Villa, these Soldiers are making their own home improvements. “It helps make this place more like home,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Punyhotra, a member of the personal security detail, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Among the many improvements PSD members have made to their living quarters are entertainment centers, porches, awnings and benches outside their doorway. “It gives Soldiers a peaceful place to sit down and unwind. It is their own slice of pie (from home),” Punyhotra said. While the porch benches and tables are for all to enjoy, the main effort came from Punyhotra, Sgt. George Wood and Sgt. Lucas Anderson. Over the course of one day, the three managed to knock out, or more precisely, build up, the relaxation center. The group also built a new entertainment center to house their televisions and DVD players. “It’s great because it gives everyone a place to relax and watch TV,” said Pfc. Michael McDonald, PSD member.

The PSD isn’t the only group making the most of their time here. Like the PSD, Soldiers of the Air Defense, Airspace Management cell are making the most of their new homes. Realizing they needed a bigger screen to watch movies, the group set up their own movie theater on the wall using a white screen and a movie projector, said Spc. Joel Ortiz a member of the ADAM cell. They also constructed temporary walls to create homemade offices. Plans are in the works to make walls for the theater. As for other ADAM cell plans, Ortiz said only time will tell. While the ADAM cell Soldiers may not have any definite plans, the PSD is already formulating future operations for their “home”. “We plan on adding another bench,” Punyhotra said.

The group also wants to paint their new creations in blue and white to give the place a 3rd Infantry Division feel, he added. Other Soldiers try to make their surroundings reminiscent of their stateside lives. Staff Sgt. Mayreny Matias, brigade S4 (property book office), said she decorated her space with items from home, such as covering her bed with her daughter Elena’s blanket. Although she said it is hard to make FOB Kalsu exactly like home, she decorated her room with rugs and curtains the same color as those in her home. “It helps (decorating and altering one’s living space) because after a long day working you want to come back to a place like home,” Matias said. “It calms you down for a minute and makes you not homesick 24-hours-a-day.”

1/10 FA Soldiers learn through change

By Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – They live miles away from the unit with which they had trained, worked, lived and deployed.

They work in a detention facility doing jobs they had not trained for or imagined they would be doing. But their spirits are high, and their appreciation for the experience is something they will take with them beyond Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Their mission is to guard detainees who are brought to the Camp Bucca detention facility. The tasks the Soldiers must accomplish on a daily basis include securing the detainees so they don't escape, safeguarding them so they are not hurt within the compound, and ensuring Iraqi rule of law and due process can occur.



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Soldiers from 1/10 FA, currently attached to the 16th Military Police Brigade, Task Force 134, trains in firing weapons from the tower at Camp Bucca, Iraq.

The 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, attached to the 16th Military Police Brigade and Task Force 134, at Camp Bucca. The unit was detached from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team at the start of the deployment.

"We arrived to (Camp) Buehring (Kuwait) around the 16th of March. On the 22nd we went to Taji for the counter-insurgency training where we learned our Bravo Battery was going to be stationed at Camp Bucca," said Maj. Luis Rivera, operations officer for the 1/10 FA. "Two days later, we learned our whole battalion was going."

The movement was sudden, and the 1/10 FA Soldiers had little idea of what exactly they would be doing. They would be working with a unit they had never worked with before, in a job that was completely new to most of the Soldiers.

"One thing I've noticed about artillery Soldiers from my 19 years of experience," explained Lt. Col. Mark Sullivan, commander of the 1/10 FA, "is we are very adaptive [and] we are able to reorganize in very effective and efficient ways. We understand the significance of what we are doing and with a little bit of training, we are able to adapt to the mission."

Sullivan said, each individual task relates to the entire mission, which is to counteract the insurgency.

"We didn't train with (Task Force 134) or previously work with them, so there were some growing pains at first. The MP Brigade Soldiers are experts on detainee operations," Rivera said. "The 3rd HBCT have always done things differently. We are used to the lethal fight. That helps immensely in detainee operations."

Sgt. Marlin White, 1/10 FA, said the current mission of the unit is much different than his previous two deployments to the Middle East.

"We train on how to use non-lethal weapons," he said. "We also have to learn the culture more in-depth."

Rivera said the Soldiers all carry their issued M-9 pistols, and M-4 and M-16 rifles, but are also trained on non-lethal weapons, such as batons, tazers, and shotguns that fire bean bags.

"The non-lethal weapons cause enough pain to knock the detainee back but doesn't permanently hurt them or kill them."

Rivera said the 3rd HBCT leaders focus a great deal on the discipline of their Soldiers. This training is crucial to the unit's mission because many of the detainees are in the facility for insurgent activity against Coalition Forces. Discipline allows the Soldiers working

in the detention facility to put aside their personal feelings and concentrate on the mission at hand, Rivera said.

Cpl. Brandon Rhodes, A Battery, 1/10 FA, said there are certain challenges he faces in his new job as a quick reaction force Soldier. Rhodes and his team are responsible for reinforcing the detention facility, which includes controlling riots, reacting to escapes, and controlling the movement of detainees. They must always be ready, because an incident requiring QRF to respond could break out at any given time.

"A huge challenge is learning to be patient," he said. "In our job, there is a lot of waiting for something to happen. We aren't watching the best people in the world, and we have to be patient with them as well."

Pfc. Lucero Hernandez said her job faces challenges as well. As a supply representative, she must supply the detainees with items such as clothing and personal hygiene products.

"If we don't get the supplies they need, that could cause a riot within the compound," she said.

White, who serves as a mediator between the detainees and the sergeant of the guard of the detention facility, said cultural differences are a large part of the difficulties between the Soldiers and detainees.

"We have to know how to react to their culture and we have to know what it all means. We also have to know how to follow their culture," he said. "For example, when they pray, they don't like to have any noise. If we make noise, that could cause problems in the compound."

Rhodes sees the cultural interaction as more of a reward. He explained how constantly interacting with another culture allows him to understand the differences between people. He understands that doing things differently to get the same result does not make it wrong.

Hernandez, who is working toward a degree in criminal justice, said she thinks the experience she gains from the detention facility will prepare her for her goal of becoming a police officer.

The stress of their unique mission does weigh heavily on the Soldiers of the 1/10 FA at Camp Bucca. Most of the Soldiers agree that it is, in fact, the experience of a lifetime. They are learning something new every day and contributing to the overall mission of the military.

"In the small picture, it's just a job," Rhodes said, "but in the big picture, it's nice to know I'm contributing the security of my family and the nation."

The 1/10 FA will be replaced at Camp Bucca and will rejoin the 3rd HBCT at FOB Hammer. Until then, they will remain a significant part of the 16th MP Brigade, TF 134, Sullivan said.

"We are recognized by the MPs as honorary MPs," Sullivan said. "They recognize what we bring to them and they understand what we bring to the fight. We are constantly doing the right thing."

HELP

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Pfc. John Morris and Pvt. Joshua Brumit with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, saw the distressed young woman and without hesitation proved that a Soldier lives the core Army values, even while out of uniform.

The Soldiers were awarded a certificate of achievement during a ceremony at Caro Gym Friday for their actions on the evening of May 28. This award was for their initial actions and a symbol for potential future awards.

"I was driving my truck when we spotted the young lady," said Morris. "I looked at Brumit and he agreed that we should stop."

"I knew from the look on her face that there was no playing around, and ran on gut instinct," said Brumit.

Peters was driving back from her family's lake house with her father the night of May 28. She heard her father's cell phone drop and noticed he was in pain.

She then pulled the truck over and walked outside to figure out where she was. In her worried state, she accidentally locked herself out of the vehicle.

"After she explained the situation, we dialed 911, asked for permission to break the window, pulled her father out and went to work," said Morris.

The Soldiers even relayed the mile-marker on the highway near the vehicle, a move that

helped the police locate them more efficiently.

"We used basic CLS (Combat Lifesaver) tactics," said Morris, referring to the lifesaving medical training given to non-medical Soldiers to aid fellow wounded Soldiers. "We checked for a response, checked for breathing and then performed CPR until the medics arrived, around eight to 10 minutes later."

Unfortunately, Peters' father couldn't be resuscitated.

"From my background, they did everything a Soldier should do," said Staff Sgt. Ernest O' Dell, Morris and Brumit's noncommissioned officer in charge. "They ran on a Soldier's instinct and did everything in their power to help the young lady."

The Soldiers did everything they could to help Peters' father, but didn't stop there. They offered to drive her vehicle to where Peters was meeting her family, avoiding the need for a tow truck.

"They went above and beyond the call of duty; they were a God-send to me," said Peters, whose mother, Janice Peters, was also at the ceremony Friday.

Peters also wanted to note that her father, Mark "Pete" Peters, was a Soldier who served in the Vietnam War. He served as a crew chief with the "Ghost Riders," A Company, from a unit in the 101st Airborne Division.



Pvt. Jerome Arp

Lt. Col. Timothy Newsome, commander of 3/7 Inf., presents Pvt. Joshua Brumit and Pfc. John Morris with certificates of achievement for their actions in late May while helping a distressed young woman. The ceremony was held at Caro Gym Aug. 3.

REUP

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While the plan was set in motion, the two still needed to get their chain of command on board to help facilitate the process.

It wasn't hard to convince either.

"Re-enlistments are always special, but to do it with someone close is really important," said Capt. Jeff Prokopowicz, A Co. commander. "How often do you get to see a close sibling in Iraq? It is a special moment to treasure for all it is worth."

Thus, Prokopowicz and Matthew's commander, Capt. Adam Harless, worked hard to get the event to occur.

"It is a real compliment to my chain of command," Harless said of his superiors who worked hard to get the event to occur despite the operational tempo of his company, which conducts route

clearance.

Likewise, Prokopowicz gave much of the credit to others, especially Darcy.

"This was largely due to the proactive nature of Darcy. She was motivated to get this going. I just accommodated."

Much of the motivation came from the desire to see one another. This was the first time the siblings would meet in country, Matthew said.

Seeing each other did a lot to boost the siblings' morale, they agreed.

"I worry about him, and seeing him helped," Darcy said.

While the reunion only lasted a day, it was a memory the two plan to share for a lifetime. It was also a motivation to try and link up again.

Both agreed that if they could get to each other safely again they will try.

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Staff Sgt. Matthew Snyder, a combat engineer with the 38th Engineer company, 4th BCT, 2nd Infantry Division, (left center) and his older sister Darcy, A Co., 2/3 BTB, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., re-enlisted for six and four years respectively. Capt. Adam Harless, 38th commander (far left) and Col. Terry Ferrell, 2nd BCT commander, administered the re-enlistment oaths July 29.

Coalition Forces control traffic



Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo

Soldiers of the 1/15 Inf., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., aid in traffic control point operations Aug. 1, near Wahida, Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo
MND-C Public Affairs

COMBAT OUTPOST CLEARY, Iraq – Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment spent time working side-by-side with Iraqi Emergency Reaction Forces, running a traffic control point Aug. 1, near Wahida.

The emergency reaction force, according to Maj. Jeremy Moore, Iraqi security force chief for 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, is a battalion-sized ISF unit that conducts security and checkpoint operations along Coalition-traveled key routes.

“They are comprised of previous Iraqi special forces units,”

Moore said. “They are tactically proficient enough to operate autonomously. They are also skilled at gathering intelligence because they know the area.”

“What we did today was not so much supervise, but assist ERF with running a traffic control point,” said 1st Lt. T. Clay Groton, C Company, 1/15 Inf.

Soldiers assisted with site security and searched vehicles and people along with the ERF. This was not the first time such an operation has been conducted by 1/15 Inf. Soldiers.

“We’ve been out here a couple of times before,” Groton said. “They have many traffic control points around this area.”

Traffic control points help in maintaining the overall secu-

urity of the area.

“Being that weapons commonly come into Baghdad from Al Kut, coming out of Iran, this is a major highway to stop weapons and insurgents,” Groton said.

An ERF member working at the site said his duty is to search, not only for weapons, but for improvised explosive devices and foreign fighters as well. It is a job acknowledged by his U.S. counterparts.

“They (ERF) are pretty squared away and they’re also reliable,” Groton said. He added that ERF assistance has led to weapons cache finds.

Groton said the goal was to show the ERF members that Coalition Forces support what they do.

CMOC to help Iraqis earn CF trust

Sgt. Luis Delgadillo
2nd BCT Public Affairs

ARAB JABOUR – If residents here had issues with Al Qaeda operating in their neighborhood, they kept it to themselves for fear of being killed.

With the systematic purge of Al Qaeda and other insurgents groups in Arab Jabour, locals

are now being presented with the opportunity to shape their own destiny in an organized, peaceful fashion.

With the help of a civil affairs team from the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment opened a Civil Military Operations Center here July 25.

Like a town hall back in the states, the center, which was a once grand mansion located approximately one kilometer south of Patrol Base Murray, will give community members the opportunity to express their concerns to Coalition leaders on a weekly basis from 8 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

During these times, Soldiers at the CMOC will provide administrative and legal claims services, hear complaints against the government of Iraq and the Coalition in Baghdad, said Maj. Paul Snyder, a 96th Civil Affairs Battalion civil affairs team leader.

Most importantly they will address Arab Jabour infrastructure

problems long over due for attention.

These include its electrical system, canals and pumping stations, which fell into disarray due to minimal Iraqi governmental presence and heavy insurgent activity in the recent past, which forced the professionals responsible for maintaining these systems out.

Now, with U.S. and Iraqi troops working together to restore security to the region, the people charged with keeping the power on and the water flowing are beginning to return.

Sgt. 1st Class Terangelo Davis, civil affairs team sergeant, 96th CA, said people are returning to their neighborhoods because Coalition Forces are earning the trust of the local community.

A major way trust is being restored is the functioning of a water pumping station, which delivers water into irrigation canals leading west away from the Tigris River.

Though not directly linked to the CMOC, the functioning pumps can be directly attributed to sacrifices made by 1/30th Soldiers who have toiled for weeks to put an end to anti-Coalition Forces and restore calm to Arab Jabour.

Just as the water is flowing, so too are people back to the area.

As people return, Davis said he hopes that locals begin to take more of a direct responsibility for the CMOC.

The long term goal of the CMOC is to have a fully functioning self sustained local governance center with little or no Coalition foot print, Davis said.

Currently, Coalition Forces now provide security for the center and the contractors repairing Arab Jabour’s electrical grid. However, because the sustainability of the center relies on the participation of community residents for its defense, Snyder said that Coalition leaders have been in contact with sheiks in the region. Many said they are ready to step up and take responsibility for their communities.

“We have hundreds of people lined up that are willing to take charge of the security element and we are dealing with a few key sheiks from the Al Jabouri tribe,” he said.

Although the CMOC here is still in the very early stages of development, it is quickly becoming a lightning rod of change.



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Maj. Dan Canales, civil affairs officer for 2nd BCT, interacts with local Iraqis at the CMOC in Arab Jabour.

Language lab helps troops learn Arabic

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

The 4th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers are participating in training at the 4th Brigade’s Language Lab, which consists of learning core Arabic language and culture-awareness skills.

“While deployed, a Soldier has the opportunity to communicate in Arabic daily,” said Sgt. Adam Little, an interrogator with the human intelligence platoon attached to 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division.

At the lab, Soldiers are sent to the main computer, where they’re assigned a user name and password. The user name stores their progress and is monitored by their unit’s command.

Each designated work station consists of a computer with the latest tactical language and culture training system and a headset with microphone, which allows Soldiers to test their

vocabulary abilities within the program.

Beginner and experienced training programs are available. Both programs contain a skill builder, vocabulary lessons, pronunciation help, memory tests, practice exercises, active dialogs and arcade games.

The Tactical Iraqi Language and Culture Training System teaches Soldiers how to communicate in the Iraqi dialect of Arabic. The system doesn’t teach written language. It limits vocabulary to what’s required for specific situations and gradually expands through increasingly challenging situations.

The program covers situation scenarios including: meeting strangers, introducing yourself, establishing relationships, making inquiries, building rapport, defusing tense situations, compliments, invitations and Arab hospitality.

Initially unit leadership attended the training, and after using the program, they decided to rotate their junior-enlisted personnel through the training, said Little.

The program introduces grammar with examples only as needed to teach with certain situations.

“The system’s not perfect. A few bugs are being worked out, but the training is effective in teaching a Soldier Arabic language and culture skills,” said Little.

Spc. Mohammed Lamuffer, a translator and cultural advisor with the human intelligence platoon, joined the Army when he heard they were short on linguists.

“I help teach Arabic beyond what the computer teaches,” said Lamuffer. “I give a first-hand account of the language and culture.”

The 4th BCT Soldiers will continue participating in the language and culture-awareness program, along with other pre-deployment training. Soldiers interested in finding out more about the program could visit www.tactifcallanguage.com/support. The program is available for download with an AKO e-mail address.

5/7 Cav team up with Marines, help rebuild Fuhaylat

Pfc. Brian Jones
Regimental Combat Team 6

FUHAYLAT, Iraq - Soldiers with 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment with assistance from a Marine legal team with Regimental Combat Team 6 and Iraqi police for security, held a civil assistance operation in the city of Fuhaylat, just south of Fallujah, July 23.

Its objective was to reimburse residents for property damage and inconveniences imposed on them by Coalition Forces in recent months while they battled insurgent activity in the area.

“We’re here to help the people of this area recover (and) help put the town back together,” said Capt. Michael C. Evans, the deputy regimental judge advocate with RCT-6, who spent the day verifying the legitimacy of all

the claims.

The joint effort between the Soldiers and Marines helped them make good on as many claims as they could manage with the funds allotted for the operation, said Evans.

Plans were put in place to pay on claims in the area due to the low threat level in the city.

“When we came in, much of the town experienced a persistent Coalition Force presence,” Capt. Joshua N. Stephenson, squadron fire support officer with Headquarters Troop, 5/7 Cav. said. “This is one of our phase operations for building trust between us and the local residents.”

Building relationships within the communities has become the key for the success of many military units within cities in Iraq. With the local populace on the side of Coalition Forces, the enemy has little place to hide among the people. By showing respect and

generosity to the people, units like 5/7 build reliable, peaceful sources of support for ongoing operations.

“We’ve established a rapport and they can trust us now,” said Capt. John A. Owens, commanding officer with Bravo Troop. “If we say we were going to do something, they know we’re going to do it.”

Throughout the day, from the early morning hours, an estimated crowd of over 1,000 was seen waiting outside hoping to have their claims redeemed. Claim documents brought in by the civilians were cross checked to make sure the claim hadn’t already been paid and were in correlation with Marine Corps records tracked by computer.

Damage claims can be from up to three years ago to the present, but nearly all payable claims are from within the past 90

days. Most of the claims paid out were equivalent to \$100-\$1,500 U.S. dollars.

Claims cards are passed out by units in areas where combat operations took place and property is damaged or families are forced from their homes. With this system, it is Americans who vouch for the claims with documents of the date, time, place, names and damages done. It makes it easier to verify the authenticity of a claim, Socarras said.

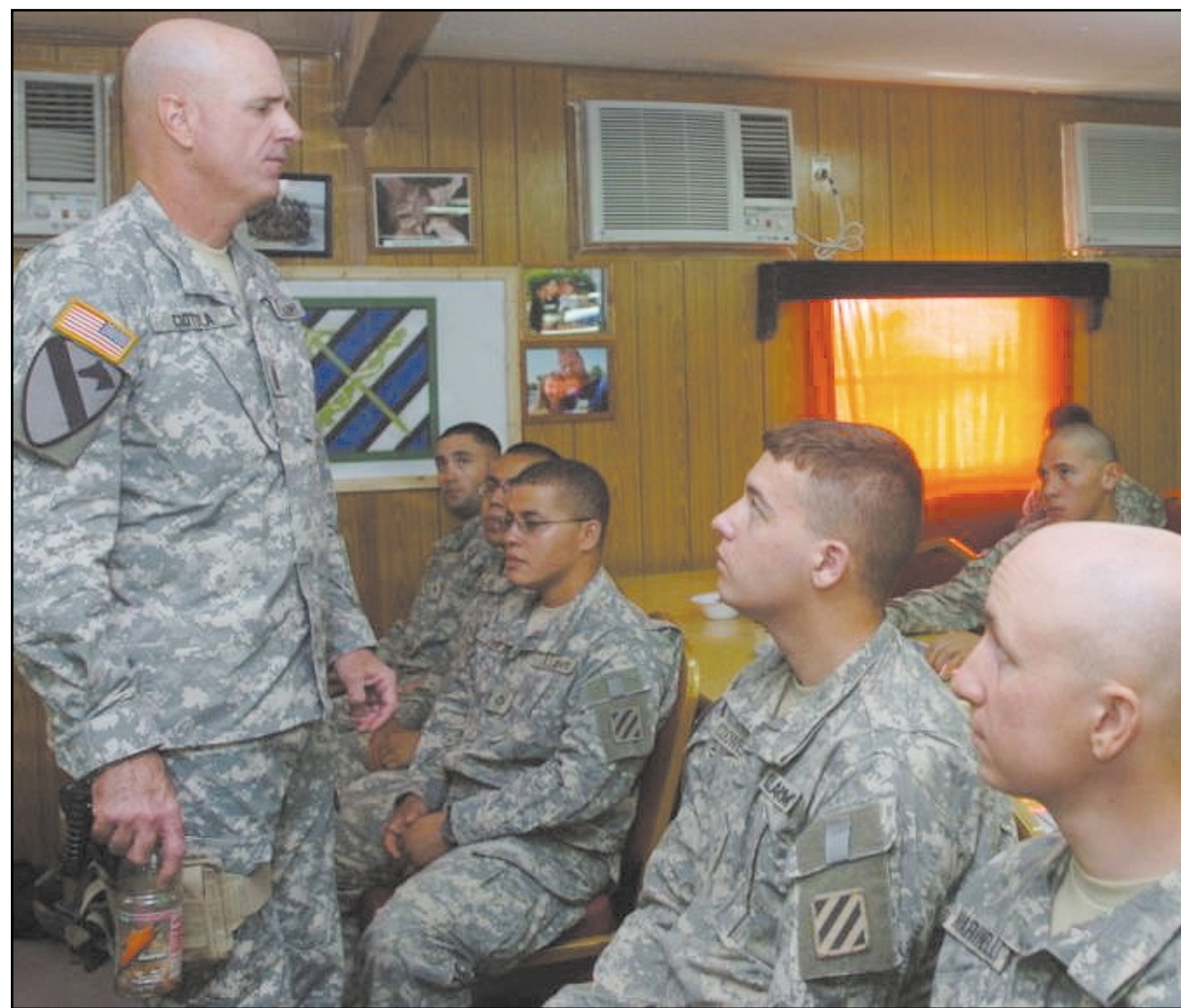
At the end of the day more than 42 million Iraqi dinar, or around \$33,000, was paid out for a total of 338 claims.

“This has been a success all the way around,” Owens said.

“Being able to pay as many people as we did today is going to help the area grow. A lot of people have moved back and businesses are opening back up. It’s going to help this area and it won’t bring back insurgents.

Leaders motivate troops

MNC-I command sgt maj visits FOB Hammer



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciolola, senior noncommissioned officer of MNC-I, speaks to Soldiers of 3rd HBCT July 31, at FOB Hammer.

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – The Multi-National Corps – Iraq command sergeant major told Benning Soldiers that being deployed is hard, but being around Soldiers makes it all worth it.

MNC-I Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciolola, spoke to 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers on the importance of the United States Army and what the Army is accomplishing in Iraq, July 31 at FOB Hammer. He also let Soldiers in on his personal feelings.

“I’m tired of this, I’m tired of the heat, I’m tired,” he said. “But if I could do it all over again, I would do it all over again. My sanity is you all. I am here to bring you up, but don’t think for a minute that you don’t bring me up just as much”

Senior noncommissioned officers of the 3rd HBCT sat down with Ciolola for a luncheon at the Hammer Dining Facility. When the meal was finished, Soldiers with the rank of staff sergeant and below took their place at the table to meet with Ciolola for a town hall meeting.

“You have to remember who you are talking to,” Ciolola said. “The problem with some NCOs is that we

forget where we came from.”

After a short speech, Ciolola opened the floor for questions.

Pfc. Charlotte Lynch, of Crestview, Fla., administration specialist, 3rd HBCT, asked Ciolola what is to be expected for the future of the Army.

“Is this the Army?” she asked. “Is this what I will continue to do if I decide to stay in?”

“This will be the Army for the next seven to 10 years,” Ciolola responded. “Half of the Army is over here right now, and what do you think the other half is doing?”

Almost the entire audience responded with, “Getting ready to deploy.”

In addition to his predictions of the Army’s future, Ciolola reassured troops that the plan is not for Soldiers to be deployed for more than 15 months. His statement echoed that of Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston, who spoke to Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, at Combat Outpost Cleary July 16.

The meeting was relaxed and comfortable as Ciolola explained that Soldiers’ efforts and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed.

“Every one of your successes we cheer and applaud every evening at our update brief,” Ciolola said to the Soldiers.

92nd Engineers get rave review from Marne leader

2nd Lt. Amie Shomette
92nd En. Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj., Jesse Andrews, visited the 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) last week at Camp Striker and Logistical Supply Area Anaconda which concluded with rave reviews.

The first of the units to be reviewed, A Company serves in Baghdad 60 miles south of the battalion headquarters at LSA Anaconda. The Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Sallese, stated that Command

Sgt. Maj. Andrews’ review was very encouraging.

“His positive energy was infectious,” said Sallese. “It is what we need everyday to give to our Soldiers.”

Sgt. 1st Class Terrell Moore, logistics NCO and motor sergeant, used to be more involved with patrols when he was deployed with 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. Now he supports engineer missions inside and outside the wire. He believes a well functioning maintenance platoon is essential for success.

A Co. Soldiers, and others in the 92nd ECB

were applauded for their workmanship and service.

Spc. Josh Norris, of A Co.’s maintenance platoon said the Soldiers exhibit the character of the unit’s cohesion.

“We don’t get the fame and glory (in the maintenance platoon), that’s fine with me,” Norris said. “The engineers (who go out of the wire) can get the glory. It really doesn’t matter to me. I do what I’ve got to do. I do what I love [and] we try our best to get done what we can every day.”

The 92nd is a proud unit whose genuine,

energetic interest in the success of its Soldiers directly supports the unit’s mission in Iraq. They lead the way in gallant, creative construction any hour of the day.

Improvised explosive device placers are thwarted, canyons are repaired, roads are made passable, and bridges are brought back to life. They are motivated and purpose driven Soldiers.

A truly motivated Marne Soldier, the Division Command Sergeant Major stated he was “thoroughly impressed” with the Black Diamonds.



DES Spotlight

Director of Emergency Services

Special to the Frontline

James Brothers has been working in Public Safety since 1982 when he enlisted as an Air Force security specialist. At that time, he was involved in law enforcement and physical security with responsibility as flight chief, security systems monitor, trainer, security controller and emergency service team field supervisor.

He became certified as a professional firefighter and paramedic through the State of Ohio.

Prior to joining the Fort Stewart 911 branch, Brothers worked as a shift supervisor at the Belmont County Emergency 911 Center in Ohio and as a part-time paid firefighter and paramedic with the Cumberland Trail Fire District and Bethesda Fire Department.

He started at Fort Stewart as a dispatcher for three years where he performed duties as call-taker and dispatcher for military police, fire, and Emergency Medical Service units throughout Stewart-Hunter. Some of his other duties included security systems monitor for the Monaco Fire Alarm System, and administrator for the CityWatch mass notification and Motorola radio systems. Brothers was certified through the American Heart Association as a CPR instructor and



James 'Chuck' Brothers, Jr.

through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers International in the instruction of emergency medical dispatch. He has recently enrolled in the APCO Fire Instructor Class.

The APCO Institute's Emergency Medical Dispatch Program is based on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration National Standard Curriculum for EMD. The APCO EMD Program incorporates all of the current ASTM guidelines and NHTSA guidelines in a comprehensive EMD Package.

EMD is more than a training course - it's a completely different way to deal with medically oriented calls-for-service.

Trained telecommunicators, using locally approved EMD guidecards and MEDS software, quickly and properly determine the nature of the call, determine the priority of the call, dispatch the appropriate response, and then give the caller instructions to help treat the patient until the responding EMS unit arrives. APCO EMD is a cost-effective way for agencies to implement an EMD program and includes local customization of EMD guidecards and software and locally controlled training through APCO-certified instructors.



Courtesy Photo

Individuals or groups performing illegal dumping on Fort Stewart will be identified and prosecuted. More than 45 have been identified over the last three years.

Keep Stewart-Hunter clean

Special to the Frontline

Investigators with the Directorate of Emergency Services Conservation Law Enforcement Branch have achieved great success in investigating and to identifying individuals who dump waste on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Over the past three years 48 illegal dumpsites have been identified and investigated by CLE investigators.

Once identified, a violator may be prosecuted under state law. They are fined then required to clean the site up.

Forty-five of the sites have led to prosecution and conviction.

Many of these illegal dumpsites contain old tires, batteries, industrial wastes, yard wastes, building materials, household appliances and furniture.

The volume of debris found can vary from a pickup truck load to several dump truck loads. Investigator have identified both military and civilian violators.

CLE actively investigates illegal dumping because these sites can damage our environment and can provide a negative experience for the military and civilians who enjoy Stewart-Hunter's bountiful natural resources.

State laws carry stiff penalties that serve to deter illegal dumping. When identified, violators will be charged for a violation of the following:


- Statute 16-7-43 of the Official Code of Georgia makes it unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw, leave or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this state or in any waters in this state.

- Statute 16-7-52 of the Official Code of Georgia makes it unlawful for any person to dump waste unless authorized to do so by law or by an issued permit in or on any public or private lands except in areas lawfully provided for such dumping.

Those who violate either of these laws can receive a fine as high as \$1200. If the weight of the debris is more than 500 pounds or is more than 100 cubic feet in volume and is the second offense for the same violator, the violator may be subject to imprisonment and may be fined up to \$25,000.

CLE asks everyone to take time and dispose all material properly, to recycle, and report illegal dumping. For more information, contact the DES Conservation Law Enforcement Branch at 435-8012 or 435-8013.





Justice Served

Private Daniel M. Kirkley , 3rd Sustainment Brigade, convicted by summary court-martial; possession of marijuana, use of marijuana, and breaking restriction;	forfeiture of \$867 and confinement for 30 days.	Private Benjamin M. Miller , 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, convicted by special
		court-martial; desertion with the intent to avoid hazardous duty, missing movement of the division June rotation flight; reduced to E1, confinement for 11 months, bad Conduct discharge.

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Charles E. Bilbrey , A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.	Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Pfc. Jaime Rodriguez, Jr. , A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.
Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. William R. Howdeshell , A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.	Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Raymond Christian , 24th Ordnance Co., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. 31409, contact Warrant Officer Nicholas Bartling, 24th Ordnance Co., Hunter, Ga. 31409 at 315-6112.

SDDC announces authorization for full replacement

Special to the Frontline

The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command announced servicemembers and Department of Civilians are eligible for full replacement value for the transportation/storage of household goods in an information release at www.sddc.army.mil.

The changes start effective in fall 2007 as DoD Customers (servicemembers and Department of Defense Civilians) will be eligible for Full Replacement Value protection on most DoD funded personal property shipments. FRV coverage will apply to personal property shipments with a pickup date on or after:

- Oct. 1 for International shipments (to/from OCONUS)
- Nov. 1 for Domestic shipments (within CONUS)
- March 1, 2008 for Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) shipments
- March 1, 2008 for Local Move/Direct Procurement Method shipments

Under the FRV program, the Transportation Service

Provider/carrier is liable for the greater of \$5,000 per shipment or \$4.00 times the net weight of the shipment (in pounds), up to \$50,000.

Providing prompt notice of loss and damage will still be an essential part of the process. The customer must submit the DD Form 1840 (listing all damage discovered at delivery) or the DD Form 1840R (listing all damage discovered after delivery) to the TSP within 75 days of delivery. The TSP has the right to inspect the damaged items once the notice forms are received.

There is no additional cost to the customer for FRV coverage, but the customer must file the claim directly with the TSP within nine months of delivery by using the DD Form 1844 to receive FRV. The TSP will settle the claim by repairing or paying to repair damaged items.

The TSP will pay FRV cost on items that need replacing or have been lost or destroyed. When the claim is filed directly with the TSP, the TSP will be responsible for obtaining all repair and replacement costs.

If the TSP denies the customer's full claim, makes an offer on the claim that is not acceptable, or does not respond within 30 days, the customer may transfer the

claim to the military claims office. If a customer files a claim with the TSP after nine months, but before the two year time limit for filing the claim, the TSP is only liable for depreciated value of lost or damaged items.

If the TSP does not respond to the claim within 30 days, or makes an offer that the customer does not accept, the customer may transfer the claim to the MCO within nine months of delivery. If the customer transfers the claim, the MCO will only be responsible for depreciated replacement cost on the claims.

The MCO will then attempt to recover FRV from the TSP. If the MCO recovers FRV, the MCO will then pay the member the difference between the depreciated cost already paid and the FRV cost.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command has published a detailed set of guidelines that governs FRV coverage on its Web site.

DoD Customers can find the Web site at www.sddc.army.mil click "Full Replacement Value Protection".

Also, more FRV information can be found on the various "Military Claims Offices" Web pages.

Education Matters

Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor.

Tuition assistance deadline announced

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30 must be requested in GoArmyEd before Sept. 24. This is necessary due to year-end close-out and fiscal year "change-over". Attempts to enroll in courses after Sept. 24 will not be approved. This policy applies to all Soldiers applying in the GoArmyEd system for LOI schools, not EArmyU schools. This does not apply to schools where tuition is reimbursable. For more information, call 767-8331.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, during a one-hour brief at the education center, room 223.

The **www.goarmyed.com** Web site provides 24-hours, 7-days-a- week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus, but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus.

Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. For more information, call the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center at 767-8331.

College term dates announced

Central Texas College, Aug. 13 - Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter. *Columbia College*, now - Aug. 13 - Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter. *Embry Riddle*, Aug. 6 - Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter. *Savannah Tech*, now - Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart. *Webster University*, Aug. 13 - Oct. 11.

Savannah Tech offers child care

Child care is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Take advantage of education programs

Soldiers and civilians can take advantage of the HOPE grant and tuition with education opportunities available at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center and local institutions.

Available programs include Website Technician Certificate in only two courses; Child Care Manager Certificate with only five courses; and Medical Transcription Certificate with only eight courses. For more information contact the education center at 408-2430.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results.

CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Call 767-7558 for more information.

Computerized exams available

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in room 165, at the education center. Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests.

For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569, or, visit *www.pearson VUE.com*.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus, but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus.

Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships.

The application process is simple. Visit **www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net**, and set up an account.

ESL classes taught

English as a second language classes are available. The beginning courses are offered 8-10 a.m., each Monday and Wednesday. Intermediate courses are offered 10 a.m. to noon every Monday and Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday, building 100, room 227. Please call 368-7322 for more information.

Troops, Spouses to Teachers rep visits Stewart

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouses to Teachers Program will be available at 11 a.m., Aug. 22. He will answer questions regarding the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program. It provides eligible servicemembers up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouses to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.

Injured Soldier, spouse scholarships offered

Certain schools are offering scholarships and reduced tuition for Soldiers, severely injured, and their Family members. For more information, send e-mail to: *Scholarships@voled.doded.mil*.

Get free test prep software

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring SAT, ACT test prep software for military Families. There will be a small shipping charge for delivery. For more information, e-mail eKnowledge Support at *support@eKnowledge.com*, call 951-256-4076.

Use the learning center computers

The learning center has 55 computers with Internet access. Complete your homework or research for your classes and access the Army's basic skills automated program. We are open seven-days-a-week (closed on federal holidays). The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Learn about GED, enrichment courses

GED preparation courses, offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program are held at the education center on Fort Stewart.

These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in rooms 225 - 228. For more information, call 368-7322 or 368-7329.

Jayhawks hold reunion

The University of Kansas Army ROTC program will host its 3rd Annual Jayhawk Battalion Alumni Association reunion and Wall of Fame Ceremony from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 3, at the KU ROTC building before the Kansas-Nebraska homecoming football game. All former Army ROTC graduates from KU or any of its extension centers are invited to see military demonstrations by cadets and listen to music by the 312th Army Reserve Band. Contact Lt. Col. David Pendleton (Retired) at (913) 684-5320 or *Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil* for additional information.



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Something to laugh about

Comedians tickle 2BCT troops' funny bones



Photos by Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Comedians Dana Eagle, Mimi Gonzales and Dave Lease (left to right) sign autographs for Soldiers after their show.

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

FOB KALSU – “I have a mortgage payment due.”

While his reply to why he chose to come to Iraq to amuse the troops might not have been serious, there was no mistaking comedian Dave Lease's dedication to entertaining Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Kalsu.

Lease, along with comedians Mimi Gonzales and Dana Eagle, visited the Kalsu Dropzone Grill July 30 to put on a two-hour stand-up gig to help Soldiers relax and have a good



Dave Lease throws out CD copies of his material to the crowd at a L for Laughs comedy tour at FOB Kalsu, July 30.

laugh.

The comics, working with the L for Laughs comedy tour, were on a 12-day visit through Iraq to perform at 10 different bases throughout the country.

The goal of the tour, according to tour manager “Bishop,” was to help Soldiers forget their everyday worries and just have time to sit back, relax and have a good healthy laugh.

Soldiers had laughs aplenty during the skits, even if it might have come at their own expense.

“I like how they involved the crowd,” said Spc. Latoya Brown, paralegal, 2nd Brigade Combat Team legal office, who was called out by Eagle during one series of jokes.

“There’s no replacement for human interaction,” Eagle said of her brand of humor.

Such interaction was designed not only to involve the Soldiers, but also give more emphasis to the support Americans back home have for the troops.

“I hope camaraderie from other Americans who are not troop members makes them know other Americans care,” Gonzales said.

Gonzales, a seven-year veteran of entertaining troops abroad and a two-time visitor to Iraq, said the tours are a great way to give something genuine back to the people who are serving.

“A lot of people say ‘I support the troops’. This is a real blatant way of doing it.”

Lease said similar sentiments.

“Once I got here I realized this is the first time doing comedy when I feel like I am actually doing something,” Lease said. “No one appreciates it as much as these guys.”

Both Gonzales and Lease recalled specific incidents where their humor did much to lighten the mood of a Soldier struggling with some issue.

At Kirkut, Gonzales managed to crack a few jokes one-on-one with a Soldier who was going through some tough issues.

For Lease, he learned how important his work was when he learned his CD lightened the mood of one Soldier who was forced to leave the comedy show early due to a mission.

While there may not have been one-on-one moments like these at Kalsu, participants did leave satisfied and with a trio of autographs.

“It was great; really funny,” said Sgt. Juana Arreola, Headquarters and Headquarters company, 2nd BCT chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear sergeant. “The last lady (Eagle) told a lot of jokes and was really funny.”

While the stand-up was designed to make Soldiers laugh, the overall intention of the show was no joke.

“I hope their (the Soldiers’) morale was boosted and it gave them motivation to win this war.”

And winning the war is something Lease feels is possible.

“Being over here it is not as bad as the media makes it out to be,” Lease said.

“The idea of victory is not impossible. This can be accomplished.”

Dave Attell, comedians visit Q-West Soldiers

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd SB Public Affairs

Forward Operating Base Q-West – Comedians Dave Attell and Scott Kennedy used their “blue collar” comedy to entertain Soldiers and civilians at Forward Operating Base Q-West, July 26.

Although this is the two comedian's first time in Iraq, the pair of funny-men are not strangers to combat zones. Kennedy said this was his eighth combat tour and Attell said this would be his second, not counting his last three relationships, he joked.

“We wanted to come to Iraq,” said Kennedy, “We hit the (United Arab Emirates,) Bahrain, Dubai and Kuwait and always wanted to make across the border (to Iraq.)”

The comedians provided their brand of coarse humor to a packed Morale, Welfare and Recreation theater. They also visited some of the base including the Q-West fire-house.

“They didn’t disappoint,” said Pfc. Lindsey Wahler, an ammunition specialist for the 3rd Sustainment Bde. at FOB Q-West. “I laughed the whole time.”

Attell, who has a hit show on Comedy Central called *Insomniac*, and Kennedy said that they were happy with the turnout and happy to help out the troops.

“The reaction we’re getting is just amazing,” said Attell. “The reason why we’re here is because it’s a little bit of us giving back.”

“We all can’t be Toby Keith but we want to contribute somehow,” Attell joked.

The United Services Organizations sponsored tour is one of the many things the USO does for deployed Soldiers.

“There are a lot of people in the states, who really want to be involved,” said Attell, “and the USO is really cool that way where it helps get people involved.”

Attell and Kennedy are continuing their tour through Iraq and hope to reach more Soldiers and more camps.

“It’s just a little bit of home,” said Kennedy. “I hope it takes their minds off whatever it’s on and lets them have a little time to relax.”

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

Dave Attell performs in front of a full house at FOB Q-West.



Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield

Delegates needed for AFAP

Have you ever said, "If the Army would just ask me how to fix this I could tell them." AFAP gives Soldiers, retirees, DA civilians, and their Families the opportunity to let Army leadership know what is working and what is not, and their ideas about what will fix it.

You can be a part of this great process! Delegates are needed. The Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Conference is scheduled for Sept. 11-12. For more information, call 767-1257.

Log on, earn your stripes

We are now six weeks into the Kellogg's Earn Your Stripes Promotion and Stewart - Hunter youth have fallen to second place. But we are not far behind! Have your child, ages 2-14 log on to www.frosted-flakes.com/active/login.html and help take back first place and win \$20,000 for our kids. All they need to do is log their points and select Stewart for all their physical activity since June. Keep up the good work Stewart and Hunter! We know you can do it. For more information, call 767-5113/5126.

Stewart

Register to 'Walk to Iraq'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues. Teams submit walked miles monthly toward the new goal of 50,000 miles. Registration and forms are available at the Family Readiness Center. The next installation group walk is slated for October. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

FSSG holds membership drive

Are you a foreign born spouse and interested in networking with other spouses from your cultural background? The Foreign-born Spouse Support Group invite you to meet people who are familiar with the area and with Army life and have the opportunity to network and participate in activities such as games and coffee club. Contact ACS at 767-5058/5059 for dates and times and to sign up.

PWOC holds 'Bridal Shop'

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to the fall kick-off program entitled "Prepare for the Bridegroom." Join us at the "Bridal Shop" where you'll find everything to prepare for your wedding. The event is 9:30 a.m. to noon, Aug.

15 at Marne Chapel. Free child care for children up to 6 years who are registered at CYS. For more information call Misty Raybon at 271-2557.

Back-to-School block party slated

Teens can enjoy their last summer fling while grillin' out and listening to a DJ play the latest hits! Enjoy food, dancing, water activities, games and more from 6 - 9 p.m., Friday at the Bryan Village Youth Center Parking Lot. The party is free and open to teens. For more information, call 767-4491.

Spouses' hosts membership drive

The Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Officers' Spouses' Club will host a Membership Drive, Aug. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Club Stewart. Attendees will have a chance to join their respective club, check out local vendors and organizations and enjoy some refreshments. For more information or to sign up to be a vendor, please contact Melanie at 214-257-0564.

Learn seven effective habits

Army Community Services invite volunteers to learn "The 7 Habits of Effective Military Families," 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 27 at the Family Readiness Center. The course is an excellent volunteer professional development program. Child care is available for the training. Spaces are limited.

Teen Night at Club Stewart

Teen night moves to Rockets at Club Stewart 7-11 p.m., Aug. 11, 18 and 25. During these events, Rockets is closed to Soldiers and open to Family members, ages 13-18 with military ID. Only one guest is allowed per card holder. All participants will be checked for ID and wrist banded. The club features a pool table, foosball and big screen TV in the Headlights room. Extra facility staff is available and conduct codes are strictly enforced. The cover charge is \$5. For more information, call 767-8715.

Hunter

Terrible twos workshop offered

Parents will receive help understanding toddler development and will be provided with helpful tips for handling temper tantrums, potty training, and discipline strategies 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at ACS.



Join us for Best Friends Day

Show your best friend you care by bringing them with you to make friendship bracelets 3:30 p.m. Aug 15 at Southern Oaks Community Center. The event at Hunter happens 3-4 p.m. Aug. at the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center.

S OCC holds bicycle parade

Decorate your bike like a parade float and enter it in the bike parade 4:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Southern Oaks Community Center. The person with the best decorated bike will win a prize! You will also learn some great tips on bike safety and get your bike registered by the military police.

Neighborhood hold huddles

Come talk to us at a GMH Huddle. Share ideas, issues or concerns. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live! Aug. 13 Isenhower Terrace, Aug. 14 New Savannah Aug. 20 Isenhower Village Aug. 27 New Callaway The events happen at 10:30-11 a.m. at various locations in the community.

Bryan Village South at the playground across from Brittin Elementary; Isenhower Terrace at the ball field between Subic and Ramblon; Isenhower Village at the corner of Hero and Liberty; and the New Savannah/New Callaway.

Back to school party planned

Start the new school year off with a party! Join us for fun, games, and prizes and a chance to win some cool school supplies 2:30-3:30 p.m., Aug. 9 at the New Savannah / New Callaway Community Center.

Test your Disney movie trivia

Test your knowledge of the classic Disney movies by answering questions about movie clips, characters and much more! The event will be at the Ken Heller Jr. Community Center in New Gannam housing area 3-4 p.m. Aug. 22.

Pool and Ping-Pong Tournament

Show off your skills by entering in this friendly competition of pool and ping pong 3:30-4:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center. Enter in both games if you'd like!

Teen Summer Transportation Schedule

Parents may register their children for this service any evening at Hunter Army Airfield youth centers seven days a week from 2 to 8 p.m. or at either CYS registration office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is free. For more information call 315-6075.

Hunter Army Airfield			
Running through August 31 no service on federal holidays			
	Mon-Sat	Sun Only	Mon-Sun
GMH Community Center (Gannam Ave in Wilson Acres)	11:30am	3:15 pm	6:30pm
GMH Community Center (Calloway Ave in New Savannah)	11:15am	3:00 pm	6:45pm
Hunter Fitness Center	11:45am	3:30 pm	6:15pm
Youth Center, Bldg 1289 (Haley Ave)	12:00pm	3:45 pm	6:00pm

Briefs Continued

Archery Clinic scheduled

Join professionals from Bass-Pro 10 a.m., Aug. 15 at Pass and Permit to learn the basics of archery. Classes are designed for youth and are free. Register at Holbrook Outdoor Center or call 435-8205.

Play Day at Cypress Sam's

Mom's and toddlers get a chance to get together and try new activities at Corkan Family Recreation 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449 before the facility opens for regular business hours. The cost is \$1 for all children (ages 5 and under). For more information, call 767-4273.

Drawing and illustrations workshop slated

The directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a drawing and illustration workshop 5-7 p.m. Aug 15 at the Child and Youth Center. Participants are required to bring pencils and erasers. The event is open to Soldiers, spouses and Family members (ages 10 and older). There is no cost. Registration deadline is Aug. 13. For more information call 767-4491 or 767-4493.

Join the ballroom dancing at Hunter

Learn foxtrot, waltz, tango, rumba, cha, meringue, and swing 7:15 to 9 p.m., Aug 15 at the Hunter Fitness Center, building 919. No partner is necessary. For more information, call 315-5078.

Fort Stewart Library book club slated

The Fort Stewart book club is offering free books to club members 7-8 p.m., Aug 16. Join fellow readers and participate in book discussions. Space is limited to 20 readers. For more information, call 767-2828.

Home school monthly meeting scheduled

Meet other home schooling Families to learn and share information and experiences 11 a.m., Aug 17 at the Stewart Youth Center. Participants can enjoy a pot-luck lunch at noon. The Home School Academy is held 9:30 a.m. every Friday. For more information, call 767-4491.

Town Hall Meeting at Fort Stewart slated

On post Families may bring up issues of concern for review by a panel to improve the quality of life on Fort Stewart. Aug 21 - 5:30 p.m. at Club Stewart, attend in person or watch Live on Marne TV and call in your questions/comments to 767-ROCK. For informatin, call 767-1257.

Newcomers Expo, Community Information Fair

A one stop information fair will be held 4-7 p.m., Aug. 23 Aug at the Army Community Service ballroom. Soldiers and new Families are invited to learn more about MWR programs, local and private school systems, on and off-post service oriented business/civic organizations. The event is sponsored by ACS and Hunter Spouses Club. For more informatin, call 315-2694.

Army Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned Officers to law school at Government expense if funding permits. Selected Officers will attend law school beginning the Fall of 2008 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested Officers should review Army Regulation 27-1, Chapter 14, The Judge Advocate General's FLEP, to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned Officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active Federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 USC 2004) and is non-waivable. Eligible Officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through Command channels, to include the Officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the OTJAG, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms Yvonne Caron, 10th Floor, 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised. Interested Officers should contact the Staff Judge Advocate at 767-7713 for further information.

UMUC representative visits Stewart-Hunter

A representative from the University of Maryland/ University College will visit 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 9 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. They have more military enrollments than any school in the country. UMUC has been overseas with the military since 1949. The visit is an informational session for those interested in taking online classes with them. For more information, contact the education center at 767-2588.

Recycling spotlight on electronic equipment

The National Recycling Coalition says between 1997 and 2007, nearly 500 million personal computers have become obsolete - almost two computers for each person in the United States. Heavy metals and other materials found in many electronics can be harmful to the environment if the products are not properly disposed. Examples of such dangerous materials include lead, cadmium, mercury, and arsenic. Contact the Recycling Yards at Stewart-Hunter to arrange the turn-in of old unused personal electronic equipment. Events are advertised twice a year; however, electronics are accepted 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday, except holidays). For more information or to arrange for a turn-in, call 767-5729.

500,000 in "Hire A Hero" scholarships available

Three scholarships are currently available to members of the military community. They are available to Soldiers, spouses and dependants.

The scholarships range from \$2,000- \$21,000. The deadline for applications is August 17. The three scholarships include eight full tuition Lincoln scholarships for those serving in the Global War on Terror overseas; 54 Lincoln scholarships awarded to United States National Guard members or spouses of National Guard members; and 100 \$2000 Lincoln scholarships for the military community, including honorably discharged veterans and spouses.

Scholarships will be awarded in the next 2 weeks; make sure you are one of them. For more information visit, www.hireaahero.org or call 1-866-440-4424.

Marne Television Schedule

Tune to Channel 16 at Fort Stewart and Channel 7 at hunter if you have Comcast cable.
Sprint customers at Hunter must cut off the receiver then tune their T.V. to Channel 16.

Time	Monday through Friday		
6 a.m.	National Anthem/ DogFace Soldier	2 p.m.	Pentagon Briefing/CG messages/ CG Briefing
7 a.m.	CG Briefings/Audience	3 p.m.	Marne Report
8 a.m.	Marne Report	3:30 p.m.	Safety Concerns
8:30 a.m.	Daily Devotional/Audience	4 p.m.	Daily Devotional/Marne Chat
9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel/CG Briefings/CG Message	4:30 p.m.	Teen Buzz/Audience
10 a.m.	Marne Chat with Dina McKain/Audience	5 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
8:30 a.m.	Audience	5:30 p.m.	Safety Concerns
9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings/Audience	6:00 p.m.	CG Briefings/Audience
10 a.m.	Audience	7 p.m.	Marne Report
10:30 a.m.	Daily Devotionals/Audience	7:30 p.m.	Daily Devotional/ Audience
11 a.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp	8 p.m.	Marne Chat with Dina McKain/Audience
11:30 a.m.	Safety Concernsl	8:30 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
Noon	Marne Report	9 p.m.	Marne Report
12:30 a.m.	Teen Buzz/Audience	9:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
1 p.m.	Daily Devotional/ Marne Chat	10 p.m.	Marne Report
1:30 a.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp	10:30 p.m.	Marne Education Matters with Kaytrina Sharp
		11 p.m.	Safety Concerns
		11:30 p.m.	Marne Report